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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK-ITALIAN RELATIONS

1. FROM ITALIAN DCM DE MASI WE HAVE LEARNED THAT GOC WAS
IRRITATED BY ITALIAN PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING ALDO MORO KIDNAPPING THAT

LINKED RED BRIGADES TO CSSR AND THEORIZED THAT KIDNAPPERS MIGHT HAVE
TAKEN REFUGE IN CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN ROME. FOREIGN MINISTRY
PROTESTED TO DE MASI, WHO ACCEPTED CRITICISM BUT POINTED OUT THAT
ITALY ENJOYS PRESS FREEDOM.

2. CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION OF EVENING OF APRIL 3 EMBELLISHED PRESS
ACCOUNTS PUBLISHED EARLIER IN THE DAY TO THE EFFECT THAT OF FOUR WEAPONS

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USED BY THE RED BRIGADE TERRORISTS, TWO WERE ITALIAN,
ONE FINNISH AND ONE FRENCH. WELL KNOWN TV COMMENTATOR
VEJVODA GLOATED OVER FACT THAT WEAPONS WERE NOT
CZECHOSLOVAK AS HAD BEEN REPORTED IN ITALIAN PRESS,
THEN DELIVERED A DIATRIBE AGAINST "SLANDERERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

3. COMMENT: DE MASI HAS ATTEMPTED TO ASCERTAIN DURING HIS

TIME IN PRAGUE WHETHER THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO THE STORIES THAT
REPEATEDLY SURFACE ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAK TRAINING AND ARMING OF RED
BRIGADES. HE REMAINS UNCONVINCED THAT ITALIAN TERRORISTS ARE
BEING TRAINED HERE OR SUPPLIED WITH WEAPONS, BUT DOES
NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF THERE HAVING BEEN CONTACTS.
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